



Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021

Opening

The meeting of the Harford County Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00pm on October 5, 2021 at 220 South Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.

Board Attendees

Jeff Holloway, Megan McMillian, Jackie Smithson and John Stump

Jim Morris was unable to attend.

Staff: Bill Amoss & Jen Wilson

Approval of Minutes

Ms. McMillian moved to approve minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting with Ms. Smithson seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

- The Board voted on a request by Shad & Valerie Scarborough for an ag-tourism use that was reviewed during the September 7, 2021 meeting. Ms. McMillian moved to approve the request. Ms. Smithson seconded. Mr. Holloway abstained from the vote. The motion passed.
- The Board voted on a request by Shane & Jackie Smithson for a reforestation area that was reviewed during the September 7, 2021 meeting. Ms. McMillian moved to approve the request. Mr. Holloway seconded. Ms. Smithson abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

New Business

- The Board reviewed a request by Tom Martin to create an owner's lot on the 122-acre County easement. The proposed lot is around an existing dwelling and will not impact the current farm operation. Ms. McMillian moved to approve the request. Ms. Smithson seconded. The motion passed.

- The Board reviewed nine (9) applications that have been submitted for the County program. The Board reviewed and discussed each application, current uses, hardship considerations, and possible points. The Board awarded their discretionary points as listed below.

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| ○ Schleupner, Michael & Tiffany | ○ Baltimore Area Council BSA |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 5 points | ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points | ▪ Special Conditions: 10 points |
| ○ Maranto, Daniel | ○ Taylor, James & Melissa |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 5 points | ▪ Contribution to Ag: 5 points |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 0 points | ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points |
| ○ McMillan, Frances | ○ Davis, William |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points | ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 0 points | ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points |
| ○ Schmitt, Zahary & Andrea | ○ Klair, Dianne |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points | ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points | ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points |
| ○ Schmitt, Luke | |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points | |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points | |

Ms. McMillan moved to approve the points as awarded. Ms. Smithson seconded. The motion passed.

- The Board reviewed all twenty (20) of the applications. In order to be consistent across all applications, the Board revised the discretionary points previously awarded to three (3) of the applications as listed below.

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| ○ Stampone, Gary & Jerilyn | ○ Michie, Adele & Matthew |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 5 points | ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 0 points | ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points |
| ○ Michie, Matthew | |
| ▪ Contribution to Ag: 10 points | |
| ▪ Special Conditions: 5 points | |

Mr. Holloway made a motion to accept the final ranking with the revisions. Ms. Smithson seconded. The motion passed.

- The Board reviewed the current pricing caps for the County program and reviewed possible offer amounts for the twenty (20) applications. Ms. McMillan made a motion to keep the pricing caps as currently established. Ms. Smithson seconded. The motion passed.

- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the status of the County program. Six (6) easements were expected to settle later that week. Several more owners have their surveys submitted and are working toward settlement. Surveyors will be working through the fall and winter once crops are harvested and leaves fall to complete the remaining surveys. March 7, 2022 is the deadline to settle for the twenty-five (25) farms. The County is also preparing to make another round of offers as directed by the Administration.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the Rural Legacy Program. The 330-acre easement on Seven Springs finally settled after a delay with the funding from the State. One more easement is pending and awaiting approval from the Administration before being sent to DNR for review.
- Mr. Amoss updated the Board on the MALPF program. FY20 easements are complete with the last one settling recently. FY21 easements are working toward settlement. The FY22 applications will be receiving appraisals this fall with offers expected in February/March of next year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm